

INTERCOM SYSTEM HAVING UNIFIED CONTROL AND AUDIO DATA TRANSPORT

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates generally to multi-user intercom systems and, more specifically, to an intercom system providing a fail-safe, redundant and scaleable architecture implemented with digital Time Division Multiplexing technology for integrated audio and control data transport.